

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0005] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0005] According to a first aspect of the present invention there is provided a hand held electrically powered tool, comprising:

a gear casing for housing a drive mechanism of the tool, which gear casing comprises an entrance;

a motor including an armature sub-assembly comprising an armature shaft having a first end at which a pinion is formed for engaging the drive mechanism, a motor plate having a central opening mounted around the armature shaft adjacent said first end and a first armature shaft bearing located between the motor plate and the pinion, wherein said pinion and bearing are received in said entrance;

characterized in that a moulded on resilient sealing ring is located around the central opening ~~though~~through the motor plate for sealing between the motor plate and the armature shaft and a moulded on resilient O-ring is located on the face of the motor plate facing the bearing for engaging the outer race of said bearing.

Please replace Paragraph [0006] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0006] According to a second aspect of the present invention there is provided an armature sub-assembly for a motor of a hand held electrically powered tool comprising an armature shaft having a first end at which a pinion is formed, a motor plate having a

central opening mounted around the armature shaft adjacent said first end and a first armature shaft bearing located between the motor plate and the pinion, characterised in that a moulded on resilient sealing ring is located around the central opening ~~though~~ through the motor plate for sealing between the motor plate and the armature shaft and a moulded on resilient O-ring is located on the face of the motor plate facing the bearing for engaging the outer race of said bearing.

Please replace Paragraph [0007] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0007] By moulding on the seal and O-ring, separate components are not required for the functions of sealing between the motor plate and armature shaft and for the rotational fixing of the outer race of the armature bearing. With fewer components assembly of the tool or sub-assembly is correspondingly simplified. Also, by moulding the rings on, the ~~ring-rings~~ are accurately located in the desired position, which may not always be the case with separately assembled rings.

Please replace Paragraph [0008] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0008] The motor is housed in a motor housing portion and the motor plate may be sandwiched between the motor housing portion and the bearing when the motor is fixed with respect to the gear casing. In particular, fixing members, such as screws or bolts may pass through receiving holes in the gear casing and the motor housing

portion and ~~though-through~~ recesses in the motor plate for fixing the motor with respect to the gear casing.

Please replace Paragraph [0010] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0010] In an alternative embodiment, the resilient sealing ring and the resilient O-ring are moulded onto a metal ring which metal ring may be fitted within the central opening of the motor plate. This embodiment has the advantage of it being simpler to mould the moulded on rings onto the metal ring than directly onto the motor plate. However, an additional component, the metal ring, is required and an additional assembly step, the fitting of the metal ring to the motor plate, is also required. The metal ring may have an axially extending portion and the resilient sealing ring may ~~comprises~~ comprise a first portion moulded over the axially extending portion and a second portion depending from the first portion and forming a seal against the armature shaft. In this case, the first portion of the resilient sealing ring may have a U-shaped radial cross-section which may fit over an end of the axially extending portion of the metal ring and the second portion may have a V-shaped radial cross-section and depend from the radially innermost corner of the U-shaped portion. The first portion may help to form a deformable releasable coupling between the metal ring and the motor plate. The metal ring may also have a radially outwardly extending portion or flange and the resilient O-ring may be formed on a face of the radially extending portion.

Please replace Paragraph [0019] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0019] The moulded seal (38) seals between the ~~though~~through hole (42) in the motor plate (16) and the rotatable armature shaft (8) in order to seal dust out of the gear casing (30). This is important because the cooling airflow for the motor (4), in which airflow some dust may be entrained, flows over the lower side of the seal (38) and ~~though~~through the inlets (40) formed in the motor plate (16) to the fan (20). The seal (38) has a radial cross-section as shown in Figure 4A, with an L-shaped cross-sectioned portion (37) that abuts and is moulded to the inner surface of the central hole (42) and a part of the lower surface of the plate (16) surrounding the central hole (42) and a V-shaped cross-sectioned portion (39) which extends from the outer corner of the L-shaped portion. The end of the V-shaped portion (39) remote from the L-shaped portion (37) is urged as a result of the resilient characteristic of the material from which the seal (38) is made against the increased diameter portion of the armature shaft.